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Appendix II

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Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

Estimate of Personnel Strength, Ships, and Aircraft of North Atlantic Pact Countries

The following information is provided in accordance with your request:

1. Military Personnel Strength of MDAP Countries.

Country	Army	Navy	Air Force	Total
United Kingdom	409,370	144,820	224,600	778,790
Canada	19,000	8,000	15,000	42,000
Iceland	-	-	-	-
Norway	14,500a	6,600d	4,000d	25,100
Denmark	23,000a	4,930d	870d	28,800
France	476,500	58,480	72,500	607,480e
Netherlands	180,900	27,850	14,380d	223,130
Belgium	75,760	3,340	6,990	86,090
Portugal	46,000b	7,630	2,020	55,650e
Italy	174,000	36,000	22,320	232,320f

a Plus 62,000 gendarmerie
d Includes naval air arm
e Plus 7,000 National Republican Guard and 5,500 Fiscal Guard
f Plus 75,000 Carabinieri
g Includes conscripts
h Not including 25,000 recruits
i Includes coastal defense forces
j Normal regular strength about 2,500; latest reported strength of over 4,000 may be due to extra conscripts

2. Naval Craft of MDAP Countries.

A. United Kingdom (as of 1 March 1949)

	Operational*	In Reserve	Building	Under Refit	Total
Battleships**	5	-	-	-	5
Carriers	2	2	2	2	8
Light Carriers	4	-	4	2	10
Heavy Cruisers	2	2	-	-	4
Light Cruisers	12	9	-	3	24
Destroyers	48	60	8	9	126
Escort Types	42	124	1	3	170
Submarines	29	28	-	6	63

* Includes vessels with reduced or special complements
** Only one battleship is now (27 July) operational, and this will soon be placed in reserve

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B. Canada.

1 Aircraft carrier
2 Light cruisers
11 Destroyers
6 Escort vessels
(all operational)

C. Norway.

5 Destroyers in commission
2 Submarines " "
7 Submarines in reserve
10 Escort vessels in reserve
57 Miscellaneous

D. Denmark.

10 Submarines (7 to be scrapped)
10 Motor Torpedo Boats
38 Minesweepers
36 Miscellaneous

(Note: About 50 percent of the total are operational)

E. Iceland.

Nil.

F. France.

84 combat vessels, totalling approximately 262,000 tons:
1 battleship, modern
1 battleship, modern, nearing completion
1 A/C carrier
1 A/C " escort
3 cruisers, heavy
8 cruisers, light
24 destroyers
29 escort vessels
16 submarines
The following units are operational:
1 A/C carrier
8 cruisers, light
8 destroyers
7 submarines
3 sloops
3 destroyer escorts
7 frigates
24 fleet minesweepers
(Ships and equipment maintained in good condition, but badly lacking modern materiel.)

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G. Netherlands.

1 small aircraft carrier
2 light cruisers
6 destroyers
1 destroyer escort
8 submarines
2 minelayers
12 minesweepers
25 auxiliary minesweepers
7 barracks ships (transports?)

H. Belgium.

1 frigate
8 motor minesweepers
1 550-ton trawler type vessel

I. Portugal.

5 destroyers
6 sloops
6 submarines
2 frigates
1 tanker
28 minor vessels

J. Italy.

2 battleships (overage)
4 cruisers
4 destroyers (1 overage)
16 torpedo boats (6 overage)
20 corvettes
124 minor war vessels and auxiliaries

3. Aircraft.

A. United Kingdom. (as of 31 March 1949)

Operational	1091
Non-operational	3027
Total	4118

B. Canada.

Operational	867 (includes 528 trainers and transports)
Non-operational	622 (includes 535 trainers and transports)

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C. Norway.

37 Fighters (57 Spitfires - 12 Vampire Jets)
13 Ftr/Bombers (Mosquitos)
10 Reconnaissance
59 Miscellaneous

(Note: 43 more Vampire Jets are under order)

D. Denmark.

33 Fighters (Spitfires)
14 Reconnaissance (3 Spitfires)
37 Trainers
4 Miscellaneous

(Note: 20 Gloucester Meteors are on order)

E. Iceland.

Nil.

F. France.

Aircraft in tactical units - 430
Total aircraft - 3,129

(Great lack of modern aircraft, equipment and fuel)

G. Netherlands.

Metropolitan Army Air Force - 354:
55 Fighters (20 in Indonesia)
44 Liaison
10 Transport
245 Trainers

Royal Indies Army Air Force - 233:
52 Fighters
45 Light bombers
30 Liaison
20 Transport
86 Trainers

Naval Air Arm - 143:
83 Fighters
15 Light bombers
23 Reconnaissance
14 Transport (Total - 730 (214 assigned to tactical units)
8 Trainers

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H. Belgium.

Total aircraft - 330 (no breakdown available)
(Almost all fighters (some jets) and trainers.)

I. Portugal.

4 Light bombers
251 Fighters
7 Transports
101 Others

Navy Air Arm:
8 Fighter aircraft
50 Trainers
3 Transports

J. Italy.

79 Light bombers
371 Fighters
118 Reconnaissance
132 Liaison
42 Trainers

(Of these, only 382 are "first line" and only 264 are in tactical units.)

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